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TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, JA

SUBJECT: AUTOMOBILE EXPORT PROBLEM IN JAPAN

REF: TAIPEI 6422

1. IT APPEARS TO US THAT DATE OF MANUFACTURE ISSUE COULD BE RESOLVED WITHOUT GREAT DIFFICULTY. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE HAVE REVIEWED JUNE 7, 1976 LETTER OF JAMES B. GREGORY, ADMINISTRATOR, NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION, DOT, TO SHIRO NAKAMURA, DIRECTOR GENERAL, ROAD TRANSPORT BUREAU, MOT, AND BELIEVE THAT IT SHOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO JAPAN. ALTHOUGH SECTION 114 OF THE NATIONAL TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY ACT OF 1966 DOES NOT APPLY TO EXPORTED VEHICLES AND, THEREFORE, THE REQUIREMENT FOR A LABEL AFFIXED TO THE VEHICLE SHOWING THE DATE OF MANUFACTURE IS NOT APPLICABLE TO EXPORTED VEHICLES, WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED BY U.S. PRODUCERS THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO

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INCLUDE THE DATE OF MANUFACTURE ON A LABEL AFFIXED TO EACH

VEHICLE. DOT WOULD CONSIDER AMENDING ITS REGULATIONS TO REQUIRE SUCH A LABEL IF THIS WOULD SATISFY JAPAN. HOWEVER, DOT NOT INCLINED AMEND REGULATIONS IF THIS WOULD NOT RESOLVE PROBLEM.

2. AS PROPOSED REFTTEL, WE SUGGEST THAT AMBASSADOR YEUTTER DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH JAPANESE AND INQUIRE HOW GREGORY LETTER MIGHT BE AMENDED TO THEIR SATISFACTION OR WHAT SPECIFIC ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

3. MVMA HAS BEEN NOTIFIED THAT MOT HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY SUBMISSIONS OF '77 MODELS (PARA. 3 REFTTEL). MVMA AWARE THIS PROBLEM AND INFORMED US THAT U.S. MANUFACTURERS ARE IN PROCESS SHIPPING '77 PRODUCTION MODELS TO JAPAN BY AIR FREIGHT. ROBINSON

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